

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State of Illinois to
3 promote peace and friendship with African nations; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to promote service
5 in African nations by men and women of this State qualified
6 for service abroad and willing to serve under conditions of
7 hardship if necessary; and

8 WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to help the peoples
9 of African nations in meeting their needs for trained
10 manpower, particularly in meeting the basic needs of those
11 living in the poorest areas of those countries; and

12 WHEREAS, Women in developing countries play a significant
13 role in economic production, family support, and the overall
14 development process; and

15 WHEREAS, Ninety-five percent of the disabled people in
16 the world are among the poorest of the poor; and

17 WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to promote a better
18 understanding of the citizens of this State on the part of
19 the peoples of African nations and a better understanding of
20 other peoples on the part of the citizens of this State;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
23 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
24 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Illinois
25 Africa-America Peace Brigade Advisory Committee consisting of
26 2 members of the general public appointed by the Governor, 2
27 members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2
28 members of the House appointed by the Minority Leader of the
29 House, 2 members of the Senate appointed by the President of
30 the Senate, and 2 members of the Senate appointed by the
31 Minority Leader of the Senate, all of whom shall serve

1 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their
2 reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for
3 that purpose; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall evaluate the
5 possibilities for establishing an Illinois Africa-America
6 Peace Brigade to promote volunteerism in African nations and
7 the types of programs and activities that could be carried
8 out by Illinois Africa-America Peace Brigade volunteers,
9 giving particular attention to programs and activities aimed
10 at integrating women and disabled persons into the economies
11 of African nations; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Committee shall make recommendations
13 to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the
14 establishment, purposes, and programs of an Illinois
15 Africa-America Peace Brigade.